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H. R. 2109

To authorize the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a special resource study of Virginia Key Beach, Florida, for possible inclusion in the National Park System.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JUNE 7, 2001

Mrs. MEEK of Florida introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Resources

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. STUDY AND REPORT.**

4 (a) STUDY.—The Secretary of the Interior (in this
5 Act referred to as “the Secretary”) shall conduct a study
6 of Virginia Key Beach in Biscayne Bay, Florida, which
7 was used for recreation by African Americans at a time
8 when public beaches were racially segregated by law. The
9 study shall evaluate the national significance of the site

1 and the suitability and feasibility of establishing the site
2 as a unit of the National Park System.

3 (b) CRITERIA.—In conducting the study required by
4 subsection (a), the Secretary shall use the criteria for the
5 study of areas for potential inclusion in the National Park
6 System contained in section 8 of Public Law 91–383 (16
7 U.S.C. 1a–5; popularly known as the National Park Sys-
8 tem General Authorities Act).

9 (c) REPORT.—Upon completion of the study, the Sec-
10 retary shall transmit to the Congress a report on the find-
11 ings of the study and the conclusions and recommenda-
12 tions of the Secretary.

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